

**By Thornton Fisher**

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**T**HE Jockey Club, in line with the leaders in other sports, is planning for a banner season. The regular monthly meeting will be held to-morrow, at which dates for the spring meetings at the Maryland tracks will be allotted and two important matters will probably be voted on—the jockey rule and the proposed change in the scale of weights.

The Maryland season will now officially open at Bowie on Tuesday, April 1, with Havre de Grace a Pomfret following.

Fifteen stakes, the same as last year, will be conducted during the spring season. City meeting for the summer season. Banks for which have just been

"Yale on the British Thames this summer vs. Oxford and Cambridge," says the leading editorial in the *New York Times*. It is to be presumed after a five year lapse and Yale crew that beats Harvard should most certainly be entered in it. If the tables are turned Harvard should have the honor, though as the clinician of things not to be presumed in either case. It is hoped that the competition will not be confined to English crews and that the assumption of this famous British event may be marked by American representation.

If the date set conflicts with the New London regatta, a picked grand state or second crew should be sent.

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leagues, looking usually for experienced men "who would do." Last year, when the exodus to the army navy and shipyards began, two soccer leagues merged into one, and the leagues to fill in, and last year the leagues had as they were, developed twice the number of exceptionally promising players than in an ordinary year. And the leagues have been able to get the veterans' interest back from the minors. The life and interest were furnished by hustling youngsters getting their first chance.

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**Brennan and Lisse Win Bout.**  
STRAUSE, Feb. 12.—Bill Brennan the big Irish light heavyweight of Chicago, outpointed Harry Greb of Pittsburgh in ten rounds before the members of the athletic club. Greb, who is a ten-pound weight, was seen in this part of the country in years. Johnny Lisse won from Young Michaels in another ten-round bout.

**Farese Beats Beecher Again.**  
Harold Farese of Harrison outpointed Charlie Beecher for the second time at Tread's, Newark, last night in a fast and tight round-bout. The first two rounds were fairly even, but after that Farese went to the front. The weight of Farese 115 pounds; Beecher, 124 pounds.

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**Affairs**—Morrell, who would go to dispose of the body, was arrested by police after he had been created 2 up, in a first match, in which Dexter had a moral score of 73. Baxter went to meet R. Brown of New York City to-day and Van Turenne will meet Charles E. Van Nook Jr. of Montclair.

**Ashcan Boxes Twine for "Toga,"** making a pair of trousers Navy War Department has taken from the store rooms of boxing at a professional school, it went as far as F. O. Pierce, Secretary of the Navy, said today, the knights of Colunium, and started on the Bright street unit in Brooklyn. Jack Algren's new friend in two hours. In his first contest of eight rounds, he lost Johnny Barry of the navy, in his second bout Algren took on Jack Murphy and won "gob." The bout went like this:

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